



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 00-659-A)

PATENT

In re Application of: Jing )  
Serial No.: 09/995,515 ) Before the Examiner: J. Andres  
Filed: November 28, 2001 ) Group Art Unit: 1646  
For: Transforming Growth Factor- )  
Beta-Related Molecules )  
and Uses Thereof )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicant requests a Three-Month Extension of Time to respond to the Official Action mailed June 26, 2003. The Commissioner is authorized to charge \$950.00 for an Extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Dated: December 29, 2003

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